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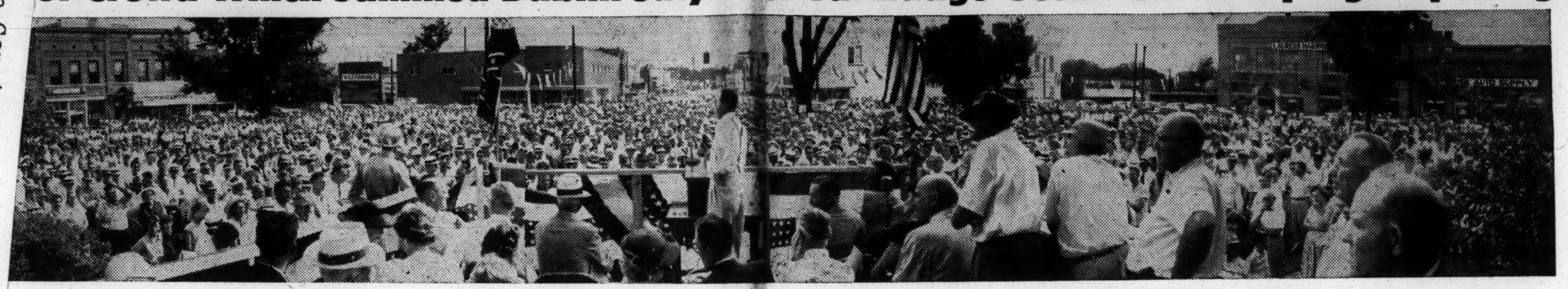

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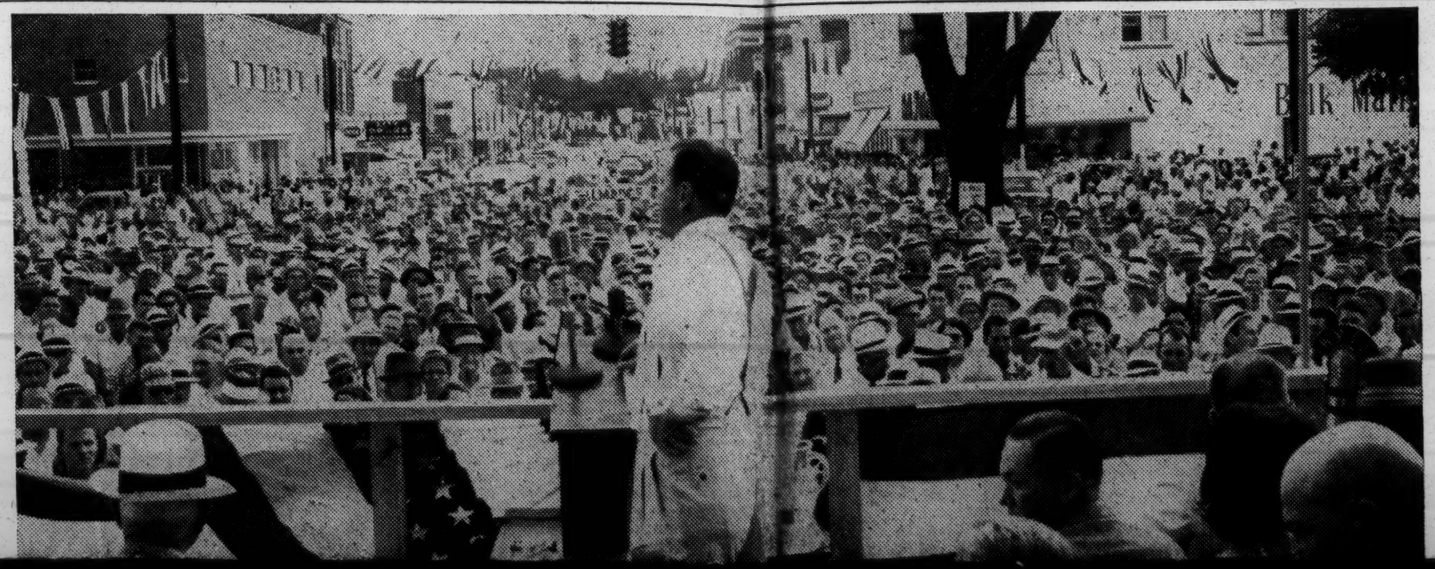

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"In this day of rapid technological advancement and scientific discovery," he declared, "it is essential that our defense establishment be geared to take full and immediate advantage of all new weapons and techniques which may be developed. While it is important for us to have more and better guns, tanks, surface ships and jet planes, it is more important that we plan and work for the day when we will have atomic planes which can stay aloft indefinitely, guided missiles which can pinpoint any target in the world at the push of a button and giant, atomic-powered undersea aircraft carriers which can carry undetected to any shore a fleet of bombers armed with thermonuclear weapons."

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DEFENSE POLICIES and plans must be adopted which have sufficient flexibility to make maximum use of these new weapons, Talmadge said. The new concept must have its basis in forward-looking creative thinking, he continued, and it must utilize the ideas and genius not only of military men but also of scientists, educators and statesmen.

"Bold, imaginative ideas are what we need in the perfection of our defense establishment," the Former Governor maintained. "We must recognize that what is commonplace today will be outmoded tomorrow and what is impossible today will be commonplace tomorrow and plan for the future accordingly."

From the standpoint of manpower, Talmadge contended, compact,

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Former Governor Herman E. Talmadge outlines his farm progra m before an enthusiastic crowd of 15,000 supporters from throughout South and Central Georgia who gathered in Dublin for a big rally and barbecue Saturday, July 7. Complying with shouted requests to "Take off your coat, Herman," the Former Chief Executive loosened his collar and rolled up his sleeves before lashing out at "bureaucratic indifference in Washington" which he charged has let the American farmer become "the forgotten man on the economic scene." His red suspenders, a political trademark of the Talmadges, brought cheers from the crowd.

Talmadge Dedicates Two New Health Centers; Addresses Habersham EMC

Says Hill-Burton Program Should Be Pattern For Aid

MADISON, Ga. — The Hill-Burton Program for the construction of hospitals and health centers should be used as the pattern for any future programs of federal aid for providing facilities to serve the general public, Former Governor Herman E. Talmadge said here last week.

Speaking at ceremonies dedicating the new $91,202 Morgan County Health Center here, the candidate for a seat in the United States Senate said the Hill-Burton Plan constitutes a "perfect example of how the federal, state and local governments can work together to serve the common good without jeopardizing the right of local people to manage their own affairs." It proves, he pointed out, that it is possible for the Federal Government to contribute toward progress on the local level "without dictation, regimentation or attaching strings to its aid."

Under the Hill-Burton Program,

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Calls REA Proof Of Best Way Government Can Help The People

CLARKESVILLE, Ga.,—The Rural Electrification Administration program has proved that "government best serves the people when it helps the people help themselves," Former Governor Herman E. Talmadge told the Annual Meeting of the Habersham Electric Membership Corporation here last week.

"The REA has afforded a pattern for providing a better way of life through a partnership arrangement between the Federal Government and the people on the local level—a pattern for serving the common good without jeopardizing individual rights or infringing upon free enterprise," the candidate for a seat in the United States Senate said.

"The REA idea of government-sponsored self-help has had the result of bringing manifold blessings to this nation's rural population. It has made it possible for the farmer to substitute electric power for muscle power and 'wired' hands for hired hands. It has done more to promote the welfare, comfort and culture of American rural life than any other program undertaken during the past 20 years."

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TALMADGE EMPHASIZED that the REA has not been a giveaway program but rather a "strictly-business, self-liquidating enterprise" through which both the Federal Government and individual farmers "are coming out ahead financially."

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Pledges To Fight Federal Control Of Local Projects

ALMA, Ga. — Former Governor Herman E. Talmadge said here last Thursday that, if he is elected to the United States Senate, he will "fight at all times to preserve local control over the administration of and determination of policy for all cooperative federal-state programs."

Speaking at the dedication of the new $84,320 Bacon County Health Center here, the Lovejoy Farmer stated that, as Senator, he would work diligently to help Georgia secure its "rightful share of federal benefits" but pledged that he would oppose any programs which would "remove from the hands of local people the right to carry out such projects in accordance with local wishes and in the light of local problems, conditions and circumstances."

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"While Americans always have considered patriotic service in the defense of their country a sacred privilege of citizenship, it nevertheless is a source of great satisfaction to us that this nation always has been grateful for the services of those who have answered its call and that this gratitude has been expressed in tangible terms. It has been expressed in legislation providing educational benefits, compensation for disabilities, pensions for needy or incapacitated veterans and their survivors, medical care in certain instances and other programs formulated by the Congress over a century and a half."

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TALMADGE NOTED that these programs for veterans affect, in one way or another, some 22 million American veterans of all wars. While emphasizing that only a fraction of that number are receiving benefits today, he pointed out that the laws are on the books "to protect all of our veterans in the event of unfortunate need or circumstances of adversity."

The Former Governor recalled that, in many instances, enlistments and re-enlistments in the Armed Forces in times of national emergency were secured upon the basis of promises and assurances regarding the rights and benefits which would be enjoyed by veterans.

"Undoubtedly the Congress does and will continue to recognize its moral obligation, and that of the nation, in this regard," he continued. "Repudiation of our moral obligation to veterans would be

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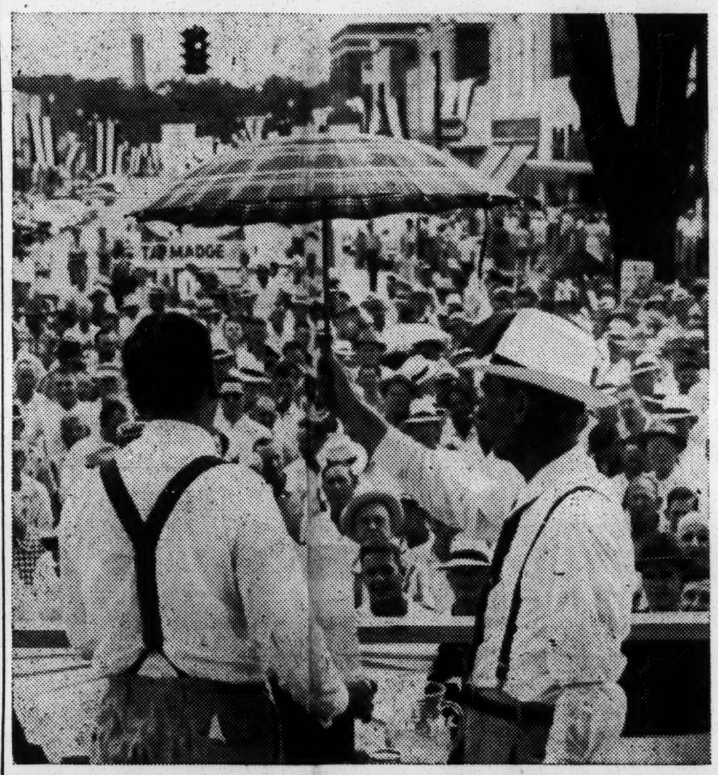

State Representative D. D. Hudson, of Ocilla, holds an umbrella over Herman Talmadge as a summer rain falls on the huge crowd which attended the Dublin Rally opening the Former Governor's campaign for the United States Senate in South Georgia. The rain did not dampen the spirits of the throng which stayed to hear Talmadge pledge himself to work for the restoration of farm prosperity if elected to the Senate.

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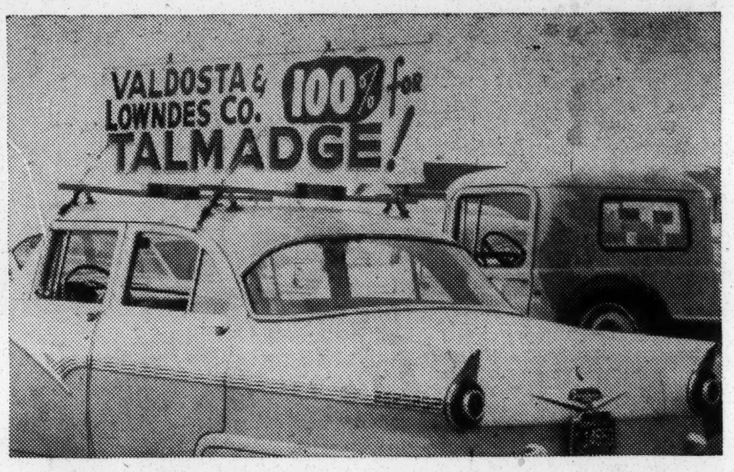

"Valdosta and Lowndes County 100% for Talmadge" reads the sign on the car which led the Lowndes County motorcade to Dublin July 7 for the rally and barbecue which launched Herman Talmadge's South Georgia Senate campaign. Other motorcades brought Talmadge supporters to Dublin from all points in South and Central Georgia.

191 and that by the time the Hill-Burton Programs ends in 1957 a total of $82,000,000 will have been spent for new hospital and health facilities under the legislation which was enacted during his tenure.

Pointing to other strides in the field of health made under his leadership as Governor, Talmadge said that state appropriations for health programs were increased almost six times, that figure being exclusive of $3,000,000 a year appropriated as the State's share of hospital construction costs. He also expressed pride in the fact that, during his Administration, Battey State Hospital was expanded and improved and that great progress was made in curbing the incidence of tuberculosis.

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TALMADGE DISCLOSED that he considers a "healthy rivalry" among the various branches of the service to be good for the country in that it results in "esprit d'corps, new ideas and progress." However, he added, in competing with one another, the individual services should "never lose sight of the fact that the common objective of all branches is to keep the United States ahead of its enemies and to be ready to deal swiftly and effectively with any emergency."

Emphasizing that the only thing which the Communist dictators respect is strength, the Former Governor maintained that it would be a mistake for the United States to let its guard down in the false belief that peace can be achieved and freedom preserved at the conference table alone.

"It would be folly for us to delude ourselves into believing that any valid or lasting agreement leading to peace with honor can be had with a government whose leaders have no honor, no conscience and no God. Recent history is replete with examples that Communists keep agreements only so long as it is to their benefit to do so.

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TURNING TO THE state level, Talmadge said his Administration as Governor "believed that Georgia veterans should be honored in both word and deed and, by its deeds, practiced that precept." He said it accepted the challenge of assisting returning veterans to take full advantage of the G. I. Bill of Rights by instituting "vigorous programs of service" not only in the State Department of Veterans Service but also in the State Department of Education and the University System as well.

"That we were successful in helping Georgia veterans is borne out by figures of the Veterans' Administration which show that seven out of every 10 World War II veterans in Georgia received training or educational benefits of some type compared to only five out of every 10 veterans for the nation as a whole," he reported.

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"There is no question in my mind," he declared, "but that this so-called flexible parity plan, if allowed to continue, will be ruinous not only to American agriculture but also to American business and industry as well.

"The prosperity of every segment of America's economy is directly dependent upon the continued prosperity of America's farmers. The ruin of America's farm economy in the 1920's heralded the collapse of our entire economic life at the close of that decade. No one in his right mind would want to see a repetition of that calamity."

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Talmadge Talk Is Old Stuff But Sure-Fire

(THE MACON NEWS)

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It was old stuff for Mr. Talmadge. He has been saying it for years. But it is the winning stuff of which campaign victories are fashioned. And Herman Talmadge speaks sincerely. The man believes wholeheartedly that the sovereign states are being individually weakened as the central government encroaches more and more upon states' rights by dictating policy through control of federal funds.

Meanwhile, as Mr. Talmadge opens what is certain to be a successful campaign for the U. S. Senate seat of Senator Walter F. George, little is heard from Talmadge's foe, M. E. Thompson.

The predominate feelings toward Thompson are scorn and pity. Scorn that a man should so delude himself again that he is the chosen favorite of Georgia voters. Pity that Mr. Thompson, a consistent loser, must so lower his dignity as to ask to deliberately get it in the neck again.

REPORT to the PEOPLE

By Milton L. Fleetwood

(THE WEEKLY TRIBUNE NEWS, Cartersville)

Now, in this good year of 1956, Herman Talmadge is "on his way" to achieve what may prove to be the greatest victory ever accorded a Georgian offering for public office.

Herman Talmadge has proven his mettle and his great ability to handle well big problems as they develop. He has made friends along the way—has never missed an opportunity to do a favor, or answer a worthy plea if he could possibly do so.

Such an attitude is "paying off" and in such a big way as to make all opposition pale into insignificance.

M. E. Thompson may get a few votes, but this is not the year for him to win many of the 159 counties.

This is the year for Talmadge, and he has built up such a following, attracted to him by the sheer force of his years of service to the people, it is an utter waste of any man's time to oppose him.

As a last thought: it may not be unreasonable to suspect that M. E. Thompson will find the going so slow—and rough—his name may be withdrawn long before the September 12th primary.

This State is in great need of a fighting representative in the United States Senate. Let's send Herman Talmadge!—The Dawson County Advertiser, Dawsonville.

We are happy that Herman Talmadge is in the race for U. S. Senator and we believe he will be elected without too much trouble. —The Tri-County Courier, Arlington.

Herman Talmadge may not only carry every county in Georgia for the Senate. Talk now is that he is likely to get just about every militia district.—The Lincoln Journal, Lincolnton.

An old Talmadgeite says: "We have been killing Thompson off, politically speaking, several times during the past ten years, but we never embalmed him. This time we are going to embalm him in a statewide tub of political goose eggs, which will make him stay put."—The Banks County Journal, Homer.

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IT IS THROUGH the public health centers which were built throughout the State during his Administration, Talmadge said, that public health services are being brought to the people. Their attractiveness and efficiency, he stated, are "doing much toward promoting public confidence in health activities and stimulating the realization on the part of all citizens of the benefits of better health and living conditions to be obtained through such programs."

The Former Governor praised the medical profession for its cooperation in bringing about the marked improvement in public health services which was accomplished during his six years in office and declared that the State's doctors and nurses deserve "the highest credit and commendation for their unselfish spirit of cooperation in the program which has placed hospital and health center facilities within reach of every citizen of Georgia for the first time in our history."

"Through public health programs such as are being carried on here in Georgia," Talmadge maintained, "Americans have shown to the world that people can have adequate health services and facilities without the regimentation and control of socialized medicine."

Georgians cannot, however, be content to rest upon their laurels or be satisfied with the great strides which have been made, he declared.

"We must continue to work to provide all Georgians with broader employment opportunities, adequate education, better housing and a healthy environment," he said.

"Achieving these fundamental objectives, under proper moral and spiritual guidance and development, there are no problems impossible of solution in Georgia by Georgians."

HERMAN TALMADGE'S SPEAKING SCHEDULE

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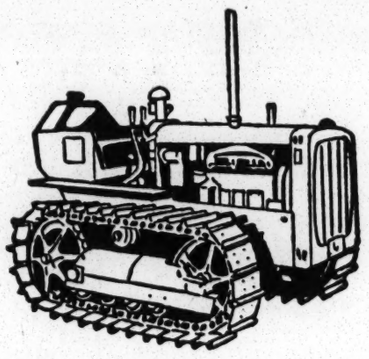

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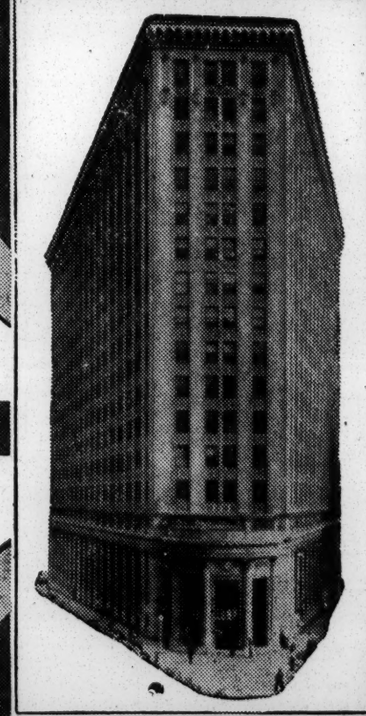

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Since he has gone to Washington, Thurmond has lived up to his promises he made to the people of South Carolina, and is slowly working himself up the long road traveled by our beloved Walter F. George and Richard B. Russell in their climb to key positions in the Senate.

We believe without any mental reservations, that with Herman Talmadge Georgia will always come first. We believe he will be a jealous champion of states' rights, not only for his State, but for the other 47 as well—and we firmly believe that Herman, working with Thurmond, whose position on that point is clear, will make an unbeatable combination in our nation's capital.

Our backing of Herman Talmadge does not mean that this newspaper will abandon its political neutrality policy. But we sincerely feel that at this time, while the call for leaders is going up from all Southern points, we cannot fail to stand up and be counted as a paper that believes that Herman Talmadge is the best man in the race.

It won't be easy for him up in Washington—a place where everything Southern is naturally suspect. And the name Talmadge will be like a red flag to the Northern radicals. But with all his mild way of talking, Herman Talmadge is a fighter—and that, obviously, is what Georgia is going to need.

So good luck, Herman—we know you'll run a good race and make a record as an outstanding Junior Senator.

Talmadge Launches Campaign

(THE WAYCROSS JOURNAL-HERALD)

Herman Talmadge in speeches kicking off his campaign last week gave every indication that he will follow a course that will adequately represent the viewpoint of Georgians.

While the young Former Governor expressed his disapproval of various phases of our foreign aid program he took cognizance of the "humanitarian responsibility" of this nation to feed hungry people the world over.

He also said the U. S. must take every measure for our military defense that is necessary and justified.

As expected Talmadge reiterated his stand for the preservation of the sovereignty of states and his all-out opposition to the decision of the U. S. Supreme Court outlawing public school segregation.

Most Georgians stand with him in these matters.

This will be Talmadge's first experience as a member of a legislative body and obviously he will have a lot to learn about the ways of the Congress.

But Talmadge is a man of unquestioned ability and he will have an excellent mentor in Senator Richard B. Russell, who next year will become Georgia's senior member of the Upper House.

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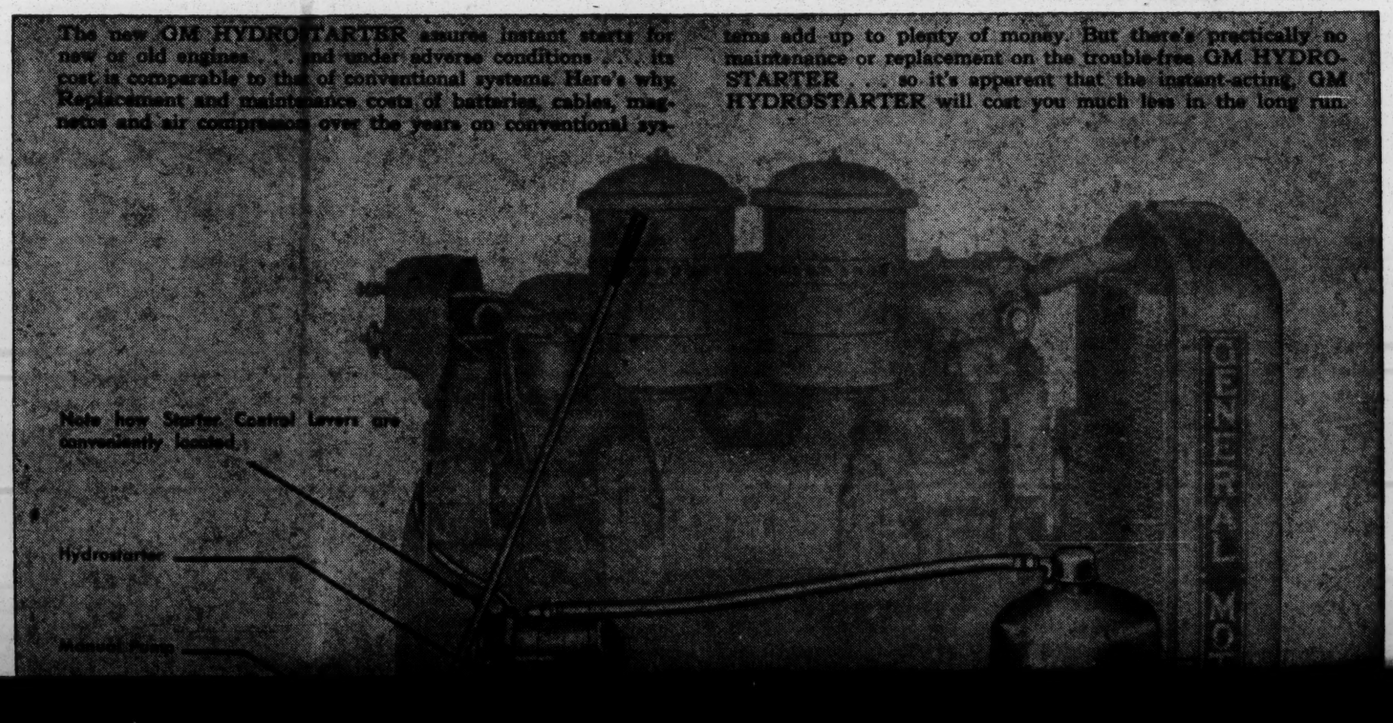

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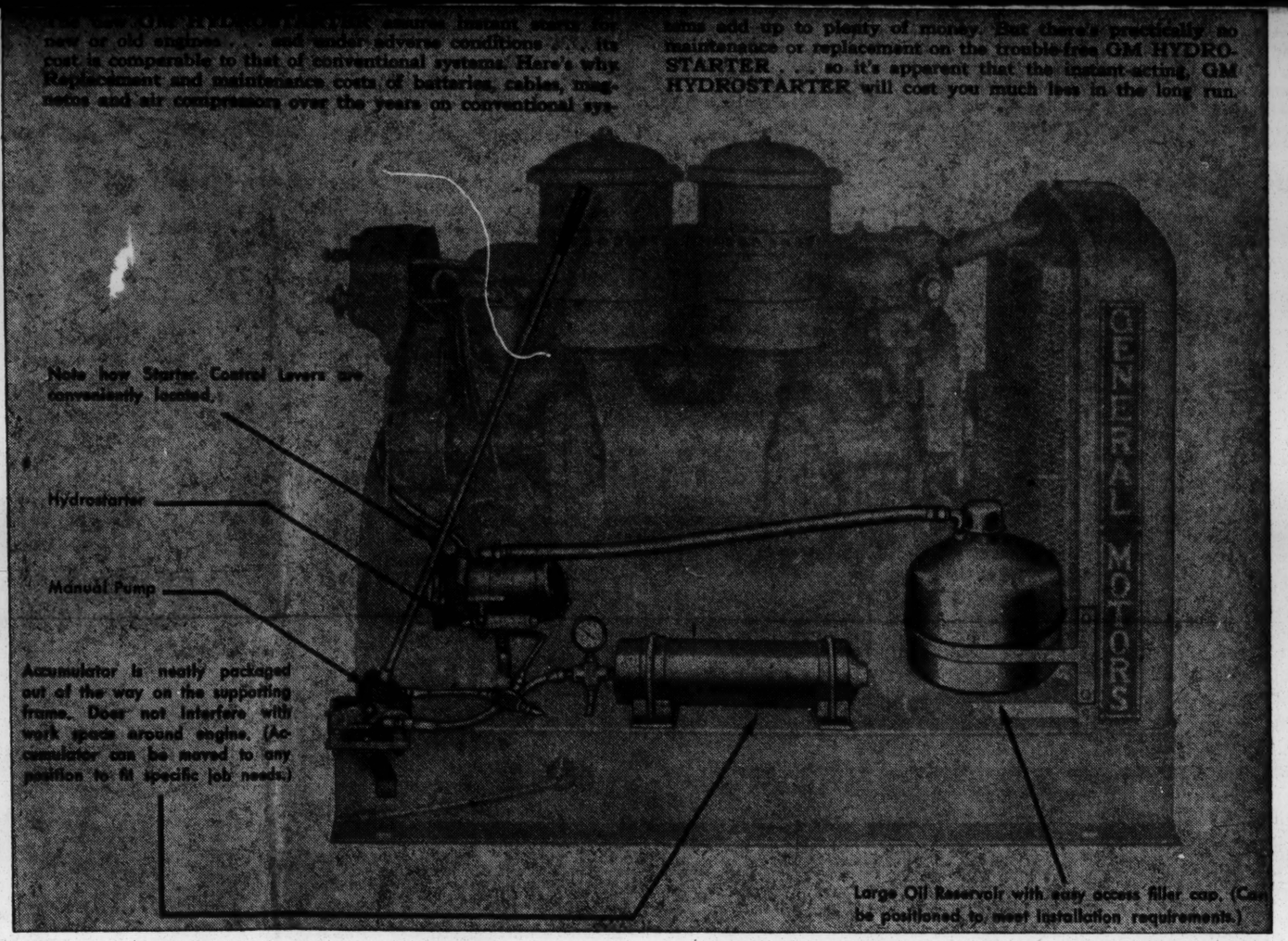
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